IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No.:

CLAIRE PERRY and, AUBREY PERRY, SR., jointly as husband and wife Plaintiffs,

VS.

MERCK & CO., INC.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT AND JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiffs, CLAIRE PERRY and AUBREY PERRY, SR., sues Defendant,

MERCK & CO., INC., and alleges as follows

JURISDICTION

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332. There is complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendants, and the amount in controversy exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) exclusive of interest and costs.
- 2. This Court has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over all parties as Defendants have done business in the State of Florida, either directly or by agent and have availed themselves of this jurisdiction and Plaintiff resides in this jurisdiction.
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PARTIES.

- 4. Plaintiffs, **CLAIRE PERRY and AUBREY PERRY, SR.**, husband and wife, at all times material hereto were residents of the state Florida.
- 5. Defendant, MERCK & CO., INC., (herein referred to as "MERCK") sold, distributed, marketed and/or otherwise promoted Fosamax in the State of Florida.
- 6. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant was and is a New Jersey Corporation, with its principal place of business at Once Merck Drive, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey 08889-0100.
- 7. This action arises out of the manufacturing, selling, distributing, marketing and/or otherwise promoting of Fosamax by Defendant, **MERCK** in the State of Florida without proper warnings as to the dangers associated with its use.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Defendant designed, tested, developed, manufactured, labeled, marketed, distributed and sold Fosamax.
- 9. Fosamax is the brand name of alendronate sodium, which is in a class of prescription drugs called bisphosphonates. Fosamax is taken orally.
- 10. Fosamax was approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for treatment of osteoporosis.
- 11. The product literature prepared by Merck and circulated to physicians for use in prescribing the drug contained no warning about osteonecrosis of the jaw or other bone structures.
- 12. In 2002 or before, Defendant knew or should have known that a physician reported that several of his patients who were given Aredia, another bisphosphonate,

were diagnosed with osteonecrosis of the jaw and that the physician believed a casual relationship existed between the use of bisphosphonates and osteonecrosis of the jaw.

- 13. Another group of physicians published a report about patients being diagnosed with osteonecrosis of the jaw after being given Aredia and Zometa, also a bisphosphonate. The report said, "the jaw complications presented in this review have had a major negative effect on the quality of daily life for each of these patients " and determined the "bisphosphonates may be at least partially responsible." Ruggiero, et al., "Osteonecrosis of the Jaws Associated with the Use of Bisphosphonates: A Review of 63 Cases," Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, vol. 62, p. 533 (2004).
- 14. In September 2004 and May 2005, another manufacturer sent warnings to physicians regarding the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw with the use of its bisphosphonates, Aredia and Zometa.
- 15. Defendant never issued any warnings or changed its product literature to warn of the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw.
- 16. Plaintiff, CLAIRE PERRY, was prescribed and took Fosamax.
- 17. As a result of taking Fosamax, Plaintiff, **CLAIRE PERRY**, developed osteonecrosis of the jaw.
- 18. As a result of taking Fosamax Plaintiff, **CLAIRE PERRY**, suffered compensable injuries, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. severe and permanent physical and medical injuries and associated disabilities;
 - b. severe past and future pain and suffering;
 - c. severe past and future mental anguish;
 - d. loss of enjoyment of life;

- e. increased risk of health problems;
- f. past and future medical care and monitoring; and
- g. loss of past and future income.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Strict Product Liability - Design Defect]

- 19. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18 of the Complaint as if they were set forth here in full.
- 20. Defendant designed, tested, developed, manufactured, labeled, marketed, distributed and sold Fosamax.
- 21. Fosamax as designed, manufactured and sold by Defendant was defective in design or formulation in that it was unreasonably dangerous.
- 22. Fosamax as designed, manufactured and sold by Defendant was defective in design or formulation in that its foreseeable risks exceeded the benefits associated with the design or formulation.
- 23. Fosamax as designed, manufactured and sold by Defendant was defective due to inadequate warnings because Defendant knew or should have known that the product created a risk of harm to consumers.
- 24. Fosamax as designed, manufactured and sold by Defendant was defective due to inadequate testing.
- 25. As the proximate cause and result of the defective condition of Fosamax as designed, manufactured and sold by Defendant, Plaintiff, **CLAIRE PERRY**, was injured.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Strict Product Liability – Failure To Warn]

- 26. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 25 of the Complaint as if they were set forth here in full.
- 27. Defendant designed, tested, developed, manufactured, labeled, marketed, distributed and sold Fosamax.
- 28. Fosamax as designed, manufactured and sold by Defendant was not accompanied by proper warnings regarding possible adverse side effects.
- 29. Defendant knew or should have known about the possible adverse side effects of Fosamax, including osteonecrosis of the jaw.
- 30. As the proximate cause and result of Defendant's failure to properly warn physicians and consumers, Plaintiff, CLAIRE PERRY, was injured.

THIRD CLAIM OF RELIEF

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- 31. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if they were set forth here in full.
- 32. Defendant designed, tested, developed, manufactured, labeled, marketed, distributed and sold Fosamax.
- Defendant had a duty to exercise reasonable care in designing, testing, developing, manufacturing, labeling, marketing, distributing and selling Fosamax, including a duty to assure that users, like Plaintiff, CLAIRE PERRY, did not suffer unreasonable adverse side effects, such as osteonecrosis of the jaw.

- 34. Defendant failed to exercise reasonable care in designing, testing, developing, manufacturing, labeling, marketing, distributing and selling Fosamax in that Defendant knew or should have known that Fosamax created an unreasonable risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw.
- 35. Defendant was negligent in designing, testing, developing, manufacturing, labeling, marketing, distributing, and selling Fosamax.
- 36. As the proximate cause and result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiff, CLAIRE PERRY, was injured.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Breach of Express Warranty]

- 37. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 36 of the Complaint as if they were set forth here in full.
- 38. Defendant expressly warranted, by and through statements made by Defendant or its authorized agents, that Fosamax was safe, effective, and fit for its intended use.
- 39. Plaintiff, **CLAIRE PERRY**, and her agents, relied on the skill, judgment and representations of Defendant.
- 40. Fosamax did not conform to Defendant's express warranties in that it was not safe and fit for its intended use because it causes serious adverse side effects, including osteonecrosis of the jaw.
- 41. As the proximate cause and result of Defendant's breach of its express warranties, Plaintiff, **CLAIRE PERRY**, was injured.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Breach of Implied Warranty]

- 42. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 through 41 of the Complaint as if they were set forth here in full.
- 43. Defendant impliedly warranted to Plaintiff, **CLAIRE PERRY**, and her agents, that Fosamax was of merchantable quality and was safe and fit for its intended use.
- 44. Plaintiff, CLAIRE PERRY, and her agents, relied on Defendant's skill and judgment.
- 45. Fosamax was not of merchantable quality or safe and fit for its intended use in that it caused serious adverse side effects, including osteonecrosis of the jaw.
- 46. As the proximate cause and result of Defendant's breach of its implied warranties, Plaintiff. **CLAIRE PERRY**, was injured.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Loss of Consortium]

- 47. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 through 46 of the Complaint as if they were set forth here in full.
- 48. At all times mentioned in this complaint, Plaintiff, CLAIRE PERRY, and Plaintiff's spouse, AUBREY PERRY, SR., were husband and wife and continue to be married.
- 49. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants wrongful and negligent actions, and each of them, the Plaintiffs were cause to suffer, and will continue to suffer in the future, loss of consortium, loss of society, affection, assistance, and conjugal fellowship, all to the detriment of their marital relationship.

50. That all the aforesaid injuries and damages were caused solely and proximately by the wrongful and negligent acts of the Defendant.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs CLAIRE PERRY and AUBREY PERRY, SR., jointly as husband and wife, respectfully prays for relief and judgment against the defendant, jointly and severally as follows:

- (a) compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- (b) attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of this action;
- (c) for any other relief this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs, CLAIRE PERRY and AUBREY PERRY, SR., hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated this ____ day of January 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

PARKS & CRUMP, L.L.C. 240 N. Magnolia Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 224-6400 Attornevs for Plaintiff

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February 19, 2008

J. Michael McMahon, Clerk Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: MDL No. 1789 -- IN RE: Fosamax Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached CTO-47)

Dear Mr. McMahon:

I am enclosing a certified copy and one additional copy of a conditional transfer order filed by the Panel in the above-captioned matter on January 31, 2008. As stipulated in Rule 7.4(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), transmittal of the order has been stayed 15 days to give any party an opportunity to oppose the transfer. The 15-day period has now elapsed, no opposition was received, and the order is directed to you for filing.

The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "...transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred."

A list of involved counsel is attached.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi Clerk of the Panel

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UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL on MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE: FOSAMAX PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 1789

(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE)

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-47)

On August 16, 2006, the Panel transferred four civil actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. See 444 F.Supp.2d 1347 (J.P.M.L. 2006). Since that time, 113 additional actions have been transferred to the Southern District of New York. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable John F. Keenan.

It appears that the actions on this conditional transfer order involve questions of fact that are common to the actions previously transferred to the Southern District of New York and assigned to Judge Keenan.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the <u>Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation</u>, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), these actions are transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Southern District of New York for the reasons stated in the order of August 16, 2006, and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable John F. Keenan.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed 15 days from the entry thereof. If any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this 15-day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

FOR THE PANEL:

Inasmuch as no objection is pending at this time, the stay is lifted.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, transferring the above entitled action presently pending in your court, to the Southern District of New York and assigned to Judge KEENAN for coordinated or consolidated pretrial processing pursuant to 28 USC 1407.

Please return the copy of this letter when transmitting YOUR FILE and a CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DOCKET SHEET.

Sincerely, J.Michael McMahon

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March 10, 2008

To: Clerk, United States District Court
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New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: PERRY V MERCK & CO. INC FLN Case No. 4:08CV19-RH/WCS

The above-styled civil action is being transferred to your district pursuant to an order entered on , by Judge .

Attached are a certified copy of the docket sheet, a certified copy of the order of transfer, and all other original pleadings filed to date.

Please acknowledge receipt on the enclosed copy of this letter of transmittal.

WILLIAM M. McCOOL, CLERK OF COURT

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